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Week of October 2 – October 8, 2006

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm week with some good moisture.

Sugarbeet harvest made good progress.

Corn silage harvest wrapping up.

Unseasonably warm weather dominated the entire State last week although nighttime temperatures dipped below 40 degrees. High temperatures were mostly in the low 70's to mid 80's. Low temperatures were mostly in the low 20's to upper 30's. Below normal precipitation was reported across the State, except for some areas in the Western half. High mountain snow cover looked good. Accumulative precipitation for the year continued to be below normal in all areas except for Casper and Sundance. Some areas of the State have only received about half of their normal precipitation for the year.

Recent rain and snow were not enough to offset a decline in moisture supplies. Topsoil moisture was rated adequate to surplus in 39 percent of the State, down 7 points from last week. Field work and hay harvest continued but were delayed due to snowfall in some areas.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	16	19	15	28
Short	45	35	28	34
Adequate	38	45	53	32
Surplus	1	1	4	1

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Winter Wht Emerged	90	79	97	92
Sugarbeet Harvested	21	11	4	18
Corn Dent	85	71	97	96
Corn Mature	50	31	76	74
Corn Harvested	8	0	12	10
Corn Silage	97	87	98	95
Dry Beans Windrowed	91	89	94	93
Dry Beans Combined	72	64	82	78
Alfalfa Third Cutting	88	81	72	75

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 6.0 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. Ninety percent of the winter wheat crop had emerged, just 2 points off the average pace. Two-thirds of the winter wheat crop was rated in good condition, virtually unchanged from last week.

Just over 90 percent of the dry bean crop was windrowed and producers were almost three-quarters through the combining. Windrowed beans were 2 points and combining was 6 points behind the average pace. Corn development continued behind the average pace with 85 percent dented, 50 percent mature, and 8 percent harvested for grain compared with the averages of 96, 74 and 10 percent. Corn condition held steady with 54 percent rated in good or excellent condition. Corn silage harvest was wrapping up, 2 points ahead of the average pace. Sugarbeet harvest was making good progress with 21 percent harvested, 17 points ahead of last year and 3 points ahead of the average pace. Over two-thirds of the sugarbeet crop remained in good condition. Producers able to get a third cutting of alfalfa were 88 percent complete by week's end.

CROP CONDITON TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wheat	0	0	33	67	0
Corn	1	10	35	51	3
Sugarbeets	5	9	18	68	0

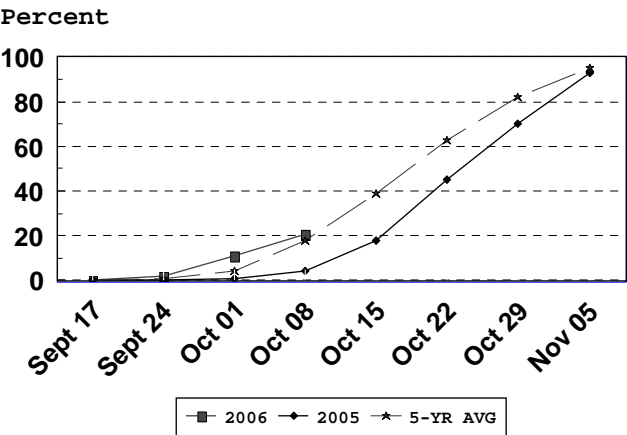
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Cool season rangeland grasses were responding to the recent moisture and greening up. Nine percent of the pasture and range feed supplies were rated in good condition, 2 points better than last week. Thirty-nine percent remained in very poor condition. Livestock were in mostly good condition. Producers were busy gathering and sorting livestock in preparation for shipping. Some producers reported lighter weaning weights. Hay and roughage supplies were adequate in 50 percent of the State.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	39	40	5	28
Poor	23	25	16	23
Fair	29	28	30	28
Good	9	7	45	19
Excellent	0	0	4	2

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Friday, October 6th averaged from 4.2 degrees above normal in Afton to 9.0 degrees above normal in Kaycee and Sundance. The high temperature was 86 in Torrington while the low was 21 in Redbird. The majority of the moisture fell in the Western half of the State while many stations in the East did not receive any. The most precipitation was reported in Jackson with 0.81 inches, Evanston with 0.74 inches, and Big Piney with 0.46 inches.

Sugarbeets Harvested



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 6, 2006

TEMPERATURE					:	PRECIPITATION		

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	:	:	:	:	:	-----		
	:	:	:	:	:	:	NORM	:
	:	:	DEP.	AMT.	DEP.	1/06	THRU	DEP.
	:	:	FROM	PAST	FROM	TO	CURR	FROM
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM

SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Jackson	77	27	55.3	0.81	0.50	12.17	13.41	-1.24
Afton	73	30	54.4	0.37	0.02	10.24	14.26	-4.02
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Uinta County AP	72	37	58.6	0.74	0.49	8.52	8.98	-0.46
Big Piney AP	70	30	51.9	0.46	0.31	5.03	6.32	-1.29
Rock Springs AP	73	36	60.9	0.23	0.06	4.82	7.50	-2.68
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	79	37	66.7	0.16	-0.05	7.60	9.39	-1.79
Deaver	82	35	60.7	0.31	0.21	3.78	5.00	-1.22
Greybull AP	80	35	64.4	T	-0.15	3.66	6.38	-2.72
Powell Field St	82	34	61.7	0.04	-0.10	2/		
Worland FAA AP	84	37	63.9	0.00	-0.20	3.57	6.84	-3.27
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	84	39	68.0	0.05	-0.25	7.15	11.51	-4.36
Sheridan WSO AP	85	36	65.0	0.04	-0.29	8.43	12.28	-3.85
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	84	33	65.7	0.00	-0.30	10.99	12.70	-1.71
Sundance	83	38	68.0	T	-0.37	19.86	16.07	3.79
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	85	35	65.4	0.00	-0.31	12.81	13.91	-1.10
Redbird	82	21	62.1	0.00	-0.28	11.50	13.75	-2.25
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Casper AP	82	35	65.0	T	-0.24	11.76	10.76	1.00
Cheyenne AP	78	36	65.1	T	-0.20	9.98	13.85	-3.87
Chugwater	80	32	60.1	0.00	-0.21	9.49	13.70	-4.21
Douglas AP	83	34	64.1	T	-0.16	7.39	10.91	-3.52
Torrington AP	86	36	68.9	T	-0.23	7.49	12.22	-4.73
Wheatland 4 N	85	35	65.3	0.00	-0.20	7.76	11.63	-3.87
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	80	37	63.4	0.04	-0.23	4.95	10.78	-5.83
Riverton AP	80	33	63.3	0.01	-0.17	3.55	7.31	-3.76
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	73	28	59.0	0.07	-0.09	6.50	9.71	-3.21
Rawlins AP	73	33	62.0	0.03	-0.16	3.83	7.99	-4.16
Saratoga	71	31	62.6	0.45	0.24	6.73	8.41	-1.68

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.
AP - AIRPORT. T - TRACE. () - ESTIMATES.
1/LATE REPORTS CAN CHANGE PREVIOUS WEEK'S CUMULATIVE TOTALS.
2/MISSING DATA FOR TWO WEEKS IN JULY